

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 452  
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Howard and Louise Young on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 1951, Howard and Louise Young were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, The first Tennessee Draftee in the Korean War in 1951, Howard Young served two years in the Marine Corps before returning home and managing his parents' grocery store, Young's Grocery, in Butler's Landing, Tennessee; he then spent eight years working as a salesman for the Ford Dealership in Celina; and

WHEREAS, Having learned the ropes at the Ford dealership, Mr. Young then opened his own used car dealership, Celina Auto Sales, which he operated for 25 years; following his career in the automotive business, Mr. Young was employed by the Tennessee State Forestry Department for 10 years, and he then worked for Standing Stone State Park until his retirement two and one-half years later; and

WHEREAS, Louise Young worked at Hamilton's Dry Goods after working in the family grocery store for several years; she later served as a receptionist and dental assistant for John H. Stone, DDS, in Celina, for 23 years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Young have been highly respected citizens of the Celina community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, both Howard and Louise Young have been active members of their community, participating in numerous civic groups, including the Dale Hollow CB Club, to which both Youngs belonged for nine years in the mid-1970s; for seven of those years, Mr. Young served as the Club's President; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, the Dale Hollow CB Club was a driving force in the community, raising thousands of dollars to provide assistance to those in need and those wanting to improve the quality of their lives; during their years of membership, the Youngs were instrumental in the Club's fundraising and community activities to help the ill, the disadvantaged, and victims of disaster; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young developed various fundraising activities, which are still being used by others today, such as the "Ugly Man Contest" and the Car Raffle; Mr. and Mrs. Young have continued to assist others in fundraising activities and events; and

WHEREAS, both Youngs also participated in the yearly Dale Hollow Fish Fry; for several years, Mr. Young served as the Entertainment Coordinator, coaxing entertainers and politicians, including Lamar Alexander, State Senators, and other noted political figures, to lend their many talents to the event's festivities; and

WHEREAS, One of the first Chamber of Commerce Board Members in the 1970s, Mr. Young served with another Clay Countian as the first Private Industry Council (PIC) Members for Clay County; the PIC brought industry leaders and politicians together to be team members for the good of the community, whenever he has had the opportunity, Mr. Young has served as an advocate for the best interests of the county; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Mr. Young served as Jury Foreman in the famed Webb Lee Murder Trial, a court case that drew national attention; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Celina Church of Christ, the Youngs have been active in the Clay County Democratic Party for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ten years ago, Mr. Young, with the assistance of Mrs. Young, developed and implemented the first ever Clay County Reunion, which has since been held annually; the Reunion is a realization of his vision of bringing "home" the many who had since left Clay County and reuniting them with the local residents to celebrate the heritage of being a Clay Countian and the uniqueness of small communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young has been recognized by his friends in the community as an excellent Rook Card player, who is still teaching others the skill today. . . usually by beating them hands down; and

WHEREAS, This fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, both of whom has excelled in their particular field of endeavor; the Young's children are Winton Young and Myra Young Johnson; and

WHEREAS, The Youngs are also the proud grandparents of four: Dylan and Harrison Young, Reeves Beller and Delaney Louise Johnson; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Marriages such as the Youngs' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Howard and Louise Young on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.